

# EL CENTRO

## TIME TABLE

### Holtton-Interurban Railway Company

#### WEST BOUND

No. 1. Leave Holtville 7:30 a. m. daily except Sunday  
No. 3. Leave Holtville 1:30 p. m. daily including Sunday

#### EAST BOUND

No. 2. Leave El Centro 9:00 a. m. daily except Sunday  
No. 4. Leave El Centro 3:00 p. m. daily including Sunday

Ice cream freezers at El Centro Department store.

We have never made poor ice cream and this year it's better than ever. Imperial Drug Co.

Ed E. Boyd realty company says they have land and water stock for sale for \$14.00 per acre on the Eastside.

Ed. E. Boyd, the rustling real estate man of Holtville, was an El Centro visitor last Tuesday and looked like he was on trail of a real estate deal.

H. Giddings and wife are stopping temporarily at D. D. Pellet's being unable to find a house to live in by themselves. Mr. Giddings has charge of the work of icing the cars for the Armour car line.

W. H. Webber and family moved up from Imperial last Wednesday and occupied their new cottage on the corner of Sixth street and Brighton avenue, and are now "at home" to all the world in El Centro

L. M. Lyon was down from Brawley Wednesday evening to see where all these El Centro cantaloupes were coming from. He seemed to think we had some way of making them they are coming so fast.

If you want to take home a few loaves of bread we keep it; none better. Also we can supply you with meat as we are nicely fixed in our new quarters now. You can see the sign, just back of Franklin hotel.

J. R. Havens, of Silsbee, was in El Centro last Tuesday and brought his son, Roy, with him. Roy is improving rapidly from his broken leg which he sustained some weeks ago and will soon be able to walk again without crutches.

Charles D. Humphrey, of Riverside, is visiting at J. R. Havens' this week. Mr. Humphrey says Imperial Valley is the finest farming country he ever seen and that it hasn't begun to fill up with people like it will do in a very short time.

Open for business and come to stay. Will buy or sell whiskers; hair trimming a specialty; hair tonic to make your hair grow; shampoo Mo style; fresh baths always on tap; electric fan like an ocean breeze at the El Centro Barber Shop. W. E. Downing, Prop.

Judge Orrick and Mrs. Orrick, Mrs. Stockton and Miss Verna Havens and Florence Pyle went to Brawley last Monday to work in the cantaloupes. There is work for all in the cantaloupes and big wages, too. The cantaloupe growers are "on velvet" and pay big wages.

Carl Boone, who has a fine piece of land near Heber, was a caller at our office last Tuesday. He expresses great confidence in the future of our Valley and says that although he failed to get a stand of alfalfa this year owing to an inopportune break in the ditch, he is not discouraged but will tackle it again as soon as the proper season arrives.

H. E. Park, of the Imperial Lumber and Commercial Co., made a business trip to El Centro last Tuesday, and while here entered a contest against an abandoned desert claim in Number One. There is quite a marked activity in the line of seeing that the other fellow complies with the law when he enters into negotiations with Uncle Sam for a desert claim.

F. M. Ferguson, of Holtville, made a business trip to El Centro last Tuesday and entered a contest against an abandoned desert claim in No. 5.

The machinery for the elevator in the ice plant arrived last Thursday and the elevator was promptly put in. This will greatly facilitate the handling of ice and the icing of cars.

D. H. Chaplin arrived back from a trip to San Diego and Los Angeles during the past week. Mr. Chaplin says his mark will be seen yet and when it appears there will be no trouble to read it.

Dr. D. W. Wickersham, of Safford, Arizona, is an El Centro visitor this week. Mr. Wickersham is a prominent banker and capitalist in the Territory and is identified with Mr. W. F. Holt in his numerous enterprises in this Valley.

There is a sharp demand for houses in town, a great many wanting to come here to live if houses to live in could be had. It is very likely that just as soon as teams can be gotten several houses will be moved up from Imperial and fixed up for occupancy.

Miss Ella Gulick, of San Francisco, arrived Thursday night and expects to make her permanent home with her brother, E. A. Gulick. Mr. Gulick will move to his new home, the Hart place, three miles west of town, which he purchased recently.

W. H. Jones, of Dawn, Missouri, arrived in the Valley last week. Mr. Jones belongs to that large family of Missouri Joneses who can be "shown" so it didn't take him long to snap up one of Aten's real estate snaps. So Mr. Jones will be Jones of El Centro hereafter.

Thomas Harding, of Silsbee, is working on the bank and opera house block carpentering for Mr. Cooper. Mr. Harding worked for a long time for the California Development company, putting in headgates and delivering boxes and is a thoroughly competent workman.

Mrs. F. G. Havens and little son, Morris, went to Thermal last Sunday and visited with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Gorden, at that place till Tuesday, when she proceeded on to Redlands. She will visit in Redlands and Riverside before going to Los Angeles, where she will spend the summer.

Cantaloupe shipping is increasing rapidly. One car per day is being shipped from El Centro, two from Holtville and an average of about four a day from Brawley. The season has hardly opened yet and in two weeks time these figures will be more than doubled for all these places.

Real summery weather has been coming our way for the past two weeks. The mercury has been carrying a high head and feeling way above par. It went to about 120 last Monday and has been a plenty ever since. Nothing gets more "upplish" than the thermometer these days; it's always booming.

Hart and Griswold are the champion cantaloupe men up to date. They bring in an average of 100 crates per day and "cants" are bringing from \$6.50 to \$11.00 per crate in New York right along. As the expense of getting them to New York is about \$2 per crate they have a Klondike gold mine beat a mile as a money maker.

F. K. Deuel, of the Valley Mercantile Co., arrived in El Centro, Thursday night, from his home in Medford, Oregon. He is accompanied by his son, Harold, who is going east to enter college. Mr. Deuel is much pleased with his business venture here and while in the east will buy an immense stock for the large store he will build here next fall.

## BUSINESS METHODS

### Of the Imperial Push. Dastardly but Unsuccessful Attempt of Two Imperial Business Firms to Ruin Prominent Valley Farmer.

In every country people run bills with the merchants more or less. The laborer or artisan gets goods on credit until the next pay day and in the country the farmer pays when he harvests his crop and gets returns from its sale. So well is this programme established that every business man knows of it and conforms to it. As long as pay day hasn't arrived yet for the laborer or the farmer has not yet received returns from the sale of his crop, the merchant who sold the goods with the understanding that he was to wait for his pay till such time has no right to expect pay or to take any action to harass his customer.

This, however, is not the rule observed by the Imperial business men, as the experience of at least one large farmer abundantly proves. The farmer to whom we refer is one of the largest farmers in the Imperial Valley, his grain crop alone for the present season amounting to 12,000 sacks or more. Like every large farmer he buys goods before harvest to be paid for when the returns from the sale of the crop are received. In the course of his dealings with the Imperial merchants he bought a combined harvester through the agency of one merchant and a bill of goods from another. Both purchases were made on time and in both instances the sellers agreed to wait for their pay till returns were received from the sale of this grain crop. But right here was where Imperial business methods asserted themselves. Instead of complying with their agreements and doing as they promised, these Imperial business men conspired together to ruin this farmer. They saw that if the farmer could harvest his crop he would receive more than ten thousand dollars, while the total amount of their claims was hardly one tenth of that sum. Therefore, how to get their money and at the same time prevent the farmer from harvesting his crop was what these men set out to do. So the merchant with the store bill sent his attorney to San Diego and brought suit against the farmer. This was done without any demand having been made for the payment of the bill. So the suit was filed and he San Diego papers announced the suing of a prominent Imperial Valley farmer by a leading Imperial business firm and no doubt its readers thought to themselves there is another Imperial Valley farmer who can see his finish. With the attachment thus secured this Imperial business firm not only levied upon the grain the farmer had shipped to Los Angeles but also upon the farmer's bank account as well, so as to be sure and tie up the receipts from the sale of his grain and render him unable to pay his bills. Then the implement dealer got busy and wired his principals that the farmer was going broke and that he must have authority to take his harvester from him. As every farmer knows farm machinery is sold on contract and payments are made from time to time, the contract reading that the machinery remains the property of the company till it is finally paid for.

In this case the farmer had paid more than \$1500 on the machine and only owed about \$500. This the machinery company had agreed to wait for till returns were received from this year's crop. But upon receipt of telegram from their agent they of course wired him to protect their interest. So he promptly hied himself out to the farmer's place and pompously demanded the machine or immediate payment of the balance due. The farmer was ready to pay the note but so certain was the Imperial business man that he would not be that he hadn't even taken the trouble to bring it with him. So he got a piece of the farmer's mind instead of the combined harvester he

was expecting to take and returned home as crestfallen a bungler as ever missed a guess. Meantime the farmer rides in triumph on his combined harvester, threshing out his bountiful wheat crop, safe from the machinations of these Imperial business men. Their conspiracy has availed them naught. They will get their money but they will not be able to bankrupt the farmer.

And right here is a lesson for all the farmers. Look out how you give these Imperial business men any chance at you for you know they have broke their word where it was to the farmer's disadvantage and you have every reason to expect them to do it again.

With the Imperial business men conspiring to ruin the farmers, the Imperial Standard advocating a bank panic and the Imperial creamery closed for want of patronage the poor old town is going fast and the end is not far away.

Henry Seeley is building W. H. Webber's house and is making rapid progress. He will soon have it finished and ready for occupancy. He finds it a more attractive proposition to work in El Centro and get paid for it than to work in Imperial for nothing.

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## Imperial Items

From our Regular correspondent

Mrs. Groves is on the sick list this week.

Rev. Laizure was up from Calexico this week.

The ice man is a welcome visitor these hot days.

Herbert Groves was up from Calexico Wednesday.

Little Ruskin Tout is very sick with typhoid fever.

Mr. A. Peck went to Los Angeles Tuesday morning.

The firemen have received a new cart and 500 feet of hose.

Mr. Witter of Brawley, was an Imperial visitor, Wednesday.

Mr. John Beck's nephew from Long Beach, is making him a visit.

Mr. Wilbur Clark is assisting Mr. Hill in the hardware store.

Bills are out for a dance in the Water company hall June 27th.

The Burton Bell Ringers show at Water company hall this week.

Mr. DeLegro returned from Los Angeles Saturday night.

Rev. S. S. Myrick has returned after a few weeks' visit at Whittier and Los Angeles.

The funeral service of Mr. Hocker, of Holtville, was conducted at the cemetery by Rev. Myrick.

I. L. Wilson is having bins, packing sheds and a cook house built out at his cantaloupe fields preparatory to picking and packing.

Mr. A. L. Hill has returned from Los Angeles, where he has been taking medical treatment for the past six weeks. We are glad to note he is much improved in health.

A sad accident occurred Wednesday evening at this place. While a young man named Hickson and companion were riding on a velocipede on their way to El Centro, a special, consisting of an engine and caboose, ran into them, throwing him from the car in such a way that his left foot was cut off. A doctor was summoned and did all he could to relieve his sufferings. He was taken on board train to El Centro.

The young people's silver medal contest was held at the Water company hall Friday evening. The contestants were as follows: Jene Sloan, Myra Banta, Barbara Kucera, Virgil Shepherd and Joe Kucera, Miss Barbara winning the medal. Excellent instrumental music was furnished by Mrs. Shepherd and Mr. Rice, also Mrs. Johnson and Miss Mable Peck. A vocal selection was rendered by Mrs. Cox accompanied by Mrs. Shepherd. Song, entitled Uncle Sammy's Girls, by Mr. Dyke and four little girls, Pearl Tout, Helen Shepherd, Hazel Edgar and Myrtle Harris.

## Brown's Express and

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Trunks 25c in city, 35c outside. All orders carefully attended to. Trunks stored; 25c a month.

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We Correct all Errors of Refraction. Also Prescription Druggists.  
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## Classified Liners

Liners under this heading will be inserted for 5 cents a line each insertion.

### FOR SALE

**FOR SALE**—A fine quarter section of fine, soft, sandy land, two miles from El Centro; especially adapted to cantaloupes, malaga grapes, onions and early vegetables. Forty acres leveled, ditched and ready for crops. Enquire at this office or address B, care Press office, El Centro, Cal. j-23-j-14

**FOR SALE**—A fine registered Poland-China Boar.  
j16 Geo. D. Abrams, Heber.

**FOR SALE**—Fresh, gentle family cows. Apply to A. S. Fell, 4 miles northeast of El Centro. may-19tt

**FOR SALE CHEAP**—Grain rack for a 4 horse wagon, good as new. Address C. F. Perry, Heber, Cal. a-28tt

**FOR SALE**—Cheap. A first-class second-hand Steel Hay Press, complete. Only been used a short time. Inquire at Edgar Bros. Imperial, or see C. F. Perry, Heber. apr-7-tf

I have an order for 160 shares of water stock that can be located in either of the water companies No. 1, No. 5 or No. 6; will divide to suit purchaser in forties or eighties; \$13.50 per share; all cash. Write or see F. H. Stanley, Brawley, Cal. n 4tt

**FOR SALE**—A steam engine, 14 horsepower with 150 feet belt. Inquire at this office.

**WILDS**—of wild turkeys (acclimated). Address only G. G. G. Brawley, Cal. apr-7-tf

### FOR RENT

Office for rent in the Garner building. Apply to I. L. Wilson. oct 21 tf

**WANTED**—To Trade 80 acres of land with water stock, 4 miles from town, for horses or mules. Address: Lock Box 133, Imperial. july 22 tf

**PASTURE**—I can furnish grain and alfalfa pasture for 50 head of cattle on my ranch. H. M. Kinne, El Centro, Calif. m-3-tf

### WANTED

**WANTED**—Gentleman or lady with good reference to travel by rail or with a rig for a firm of \$250,000.00 capital. Salary \$1,072.00 per year and expenses; salary paid weekly and expenses advanced. Address, with stamp, Jos. A. Alexander, Imperial, Cal.

**WANTED**—Hogs to pasture. Will trade good alfalfa pasture for sows. Address H. H. Peterson, Imperial. June-23-tf

**WANTED TO TRADE**—Imperial property for acreage at Holtville or will sell and take pay in leveling land. Address E, care of Press, El Centro, Cal. June-23-tf

**WANTED**—Position as cook on a cook wagon for ditch camp or threshing outfit. Apply at this office or address A. care the Press, El Centro, Cal. june-9-tf

**WANTED**—20 to 30 shares of water stock in Imperial Water company No. 1. On easy terms or cash if price is satisfactory. Address, J. H., Box 15, Imperial. june-2

**WANTED**—Hay baling, \$2.00 per ton. Work guaranteed. Address Bucher Bros. Heber, Cal. my-12-tf

**WANTED**—200 shares of Water Co. No. 5 stock. Will pay spot cash. Price must be reasonable. Fuller & Aten, El Centro, Cal. April 14-tf

**I WANT TO BUY**—20 to 40 shares of stock in Imperial Water Co. No. 1, at rock-bottom price for spot cash. address E. W. Fales, Imperial, Cal. m-3-tf

**FOR EXCHANGE**—Will exchange 123 acres grazing land, with wood and water in Ventura County, 4 miles from S. P. R. R., worth \$1200 for relinquishment or other property in Imperial Valley. M. W. C., 623 Bryson Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal. d16tt

**TO EXCHANGE**—For Imperial property, 80 acre ranch near Anderson, Shasta county. Is excellent property with all modern improvements. Value \$1500. Salisbury Realty Co. my-26

**WANTED**—500 acres of barley to harvest with header. Address A. S. Fell, Imperial, Calif. m-5-tf